



## FY2023 APPROPRIATIONS: MINIBUS #1

House Democrats are again choosing partisanship when crafting their first Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations package of six bills. From excessive spending increases amid 40-year high inflation to striking the long-standing, bipartisan language preventing federal dollars from being used to pay for abortions, Democrats prioritize partisanship over addressing the needs of Americans.

- **Democrats are appropriating double-digit spending increases that would worsen inflation.**
  - The Interior-Environment bill provides an 18% increase (nearly \$7 billion) over last year's level. This includes more than a 20% increase for the EPA (a \$2 billion increase), and nearly a 12% increase for the National Park Service (a \$378 million increase).<sup>1</sup>
  - Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) funds a 17% topline increase of \$4.3 billion compared to last year.<sup>2</sup>
  - The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) bill spends 12% more overall from last year with a 17% increase for HUD, less than a year after signing a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill into law.<sup>3</sup>
  - The Agriculture bill essentially gives the Biden Administration unlimited spending authority for SNAP, which was massively expanded during the pandemic and has a \$9 billion reserve fund, this fiscal year by providing a "such sums as may be necessary" appropriations if the defined appropriated amount runs out.<sup>4</sup>
  - FDA also receives \$343 million more than FY2022, a 10% increase, without increased accountability following the failures associated with the baby formula shortage.<sup>5</sup>
- **Democrats are pushing controversial reproductive provisions.**
  - FSGG eliminates a ban on the use of local and Federal funds for abortion services in Washington, D.C.<sup>6</sup>
  - FSGG also eliminates provisions preventing the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) from covering abortion services.<sup>7</sup>
  - The Military Construction-Veterans Affairs (MilCon-VA) bill includes provisions and authorizing language regarding fertility treatments for veterans, such as expanding eligibility for assisted reproductive technology.<sup>8</sup>
- **Democrats prioritize Green New Deal-inspired initiatives over alleviating our energy crisis.**
  - The Energy-Water (E&W) Development bill increases energy efficiency and renewable energy activities by more than 25% compared to last year.<sup>9</sup>
  - The Interior-Environment bill includes provisions that would disincentivize domestic energy and timber production.<sup>10</sup>
  - FSGG includes \$100 million for the Electric Vehicle Fund to transform the Federal vehicle fleet to electric and zero emission vehicles.<sup>11</sup>
  - The E&W bill includes funding for President Biden's proposal to use the Defense Production Act for non-emergency uses, such as the production of solar components, heat pumps, and insulation.<sup>12</sup>

- **Democrats packed these bills with other partisan policies while ignoring our energy and economic crises.**
  - T-HUD prevents verification of the immigration status of residents in HUD-assisted housing.<sup>13</sup> Moreover, FSGG includes new language making DACA participants eligible for Federal employment.<sup>14</sup>
  - MilCon-VA fails to include long-standing language prohibiting the transfer of detainees currently at Guantanamo Bay.<sup>15</sup>
  - The FSGG bill eliminates a ban on the use of funds for needle exchange programs and funds to legalize marijuana in D.C.<sup>16</sup>
  - FSGG also includes new restrictions on the D.C. private school voucher program, effectively terminating the program.<sup>17</sup>
  - It also includes a provision to create a new commission to identify and recommend Federal property name changes or removal that are inconsistent with the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Diaz-Balart Remarks at FY23 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Full Committee Markup. House Committee on Appropriations Republicans. June 30, 2022. <https://republicans-appropriations.house.gov/news/statements/diaz-balart-remarks-fy23-transportation-and-housing-and-urban-development-full>

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<sup>7</sup> Granger Remarks at FY23 Financial Services and General Government Full Committee Markup. House Committee on Appropriations Republicans. June 24, 2022. <https://republicans-appropriations.house.gov/news/statements/granger-remarks-fy23-financial-services-and-general-government-full-committee-markup>

<sup>8</sup> H.R. 8238, 117<sup>th</sup> Cong. Title II. <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr8238/BILLS-117hr8238rh.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Simpson Remarks at FY23 Energy and Water Development Full Committee Markup. House Committee on Appropriations Republicans. June 28, 2022. <https://republicans-appropriations.house.gov/news/statements/simpson-remarks-fy23-energy-and-water-development-full-committee-markup>

<sup>10</sup> Granger Remarks at FY23 Interior and Environment Full Committee Markup. House Committee on Appropriations Republicans. June 29, 2022. <https://republicans-appropriations.house.gov/news/statements/granger-remarks-fy23-interior-and-environment-full-committee-markup> and Joyce Remarks at FY23 Interior and Environment Full Committee Markup. House Committee on Appropriations Republicans. June 29, 2022. <https://republicans-appropriations.house.gov/news/statements/joyce-remarks-fy23-interior-and-environment-full-committee-markup>

<sup>11</sup> H.R. 8254, 117<sup>th</sup> Cong. Title V. <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr8254/BILLS-117hr8254rh.pdf>

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